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Dear Mr. Rosenstein:

Thank you for your letter to Nancy-Ann Min DeParle regarding your intent to request an amendment to your section 1115 waiver family planning demonstration program, known as the Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (PACT) Program. I am responding on her behalf.

The two areas you are intending to propose for expansion of this demonstration are: the addition to the Family PACT benefit package of immunizations for measles, mumps, and rubella for women clients; and the provision of services to sexually active males and females of reproductive age who are not currently at risk of pregnancy.

We are unable to give your potential proposal a favorable response because it does not meet the objective of section 1115 family planning demonstrations. The goal of these demonstrations is to prevent unintended pregnancies among people who are at risk. Based on the information you have provided, we do not see how the expansions you have proposed would further this objective.

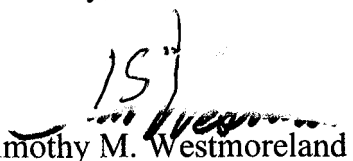
While we understand your concern that once clients have made the decision to be sterilized, their access to cervical cancer screening, breast examinations and sexually transmitted infection screening are no longer available through Family PACT, these services do continue to be available through other screening programs supplemented by Federal funding, such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sexually Transmitted Disease Program and the CDC Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. Immunizations are also available through the State health department with supplemental funding from CDC's Immunization Program. We would hope that Family

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PACT would provide referrals to these programs for clients who are no longer eligible for family planning services or who need immunizations, so as to ensure the continued provision of care.

I regret that my response could not be more favorable. Please call Kathleen Farrell, of my staff, at (410) 786-1236, should you have questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,


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Director